

# wild About Camp

2024 Summer Camp Guide  
Sleepaway & Day Camp





# Dive Right In!

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## Our Vision

At Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, we strive to provide camps and programs that build campers' leadership, confidence, independence, and sense of community. Our camps are committed to providing opportunities for Girl Scouts and not-yet-Girl Scouts, creating a diverse circle that helps campers unlock their potential and discover the world, all while developing life skills and making memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

## Our Program Philosophy

The Girl Scout Promise and Law are at the heart of all of our programming, defining the skills, behaviors, and attitudes we value in our staff and campers. We are dedicated to making sure that every camper has a unique outdoor experience because when Girl Scouts get outdoors, they discover that they can better solve problems, overcome challenges, develop leadership skills, and are happier overall. During their time at camp, campers challenge themselves, take healthy risks in a supportive environment, become part of a community, and learn about themselves, all while having fun.

## Why Camp?

In its latest National Camp Impact Study, The American Camp Association (ACA) reports that campers who have high-quality camp experiences reported higher levels of affinity for nature, willingness to try new things, social awareness, independence, and grit. The study also concluded that summer camp is an important piece of the youth developmental ecosystem and that a high-quality camp experience frequently leads to better school experiences. Camp is not only fun but is also vitally important to building skills that campers can take with them into the rest of their lives.

## Why Girl Scouts?

Outdoor experiences have been part of the Girl Scout legacy for over 110 years. Beyond the fun, friendship, and skill-building, the experience campers have at Girl Scout summer camp fosters life skills they can't get other places. We incorporate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience into everything our campers do, which means they'll have the opportunity to discover, connect, and take action in our complex world.

Not a Girl Scout? Not a problem! The Girl Scout mission is at the heart of what we do, but no previous Girl Scout experience is necessary. Anyone who identifies as a girl is welcome to participate in our summer camp programs regardless of race, religion, physical ability, economic status, or national origin.

# Meet the Directors



### Day Camps: Kate "Brisca" Greci

Camp has been a huge part of my life for nearly 30 years and I am looking forward to welcoming campers for another summer of fun and friendship at our day camps. I firmly believe camp builds awesome foundations your camper will utilize for the rest of their life! I speak from my own experiences right here with Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, as a Girl Scout all through school and attending and eventually working in my younger days at Camp Hoover - from Junior Counselor to Assistant Camp Director! I hope every camper enjoys their time as much as I did, building memories and lifelong friendships, while having experiences they won't get anywhere else. As a lifelong Girl Scout and longtime camper, I know the magic summer camp holds. I hope you will join us and experience all we have to offer!

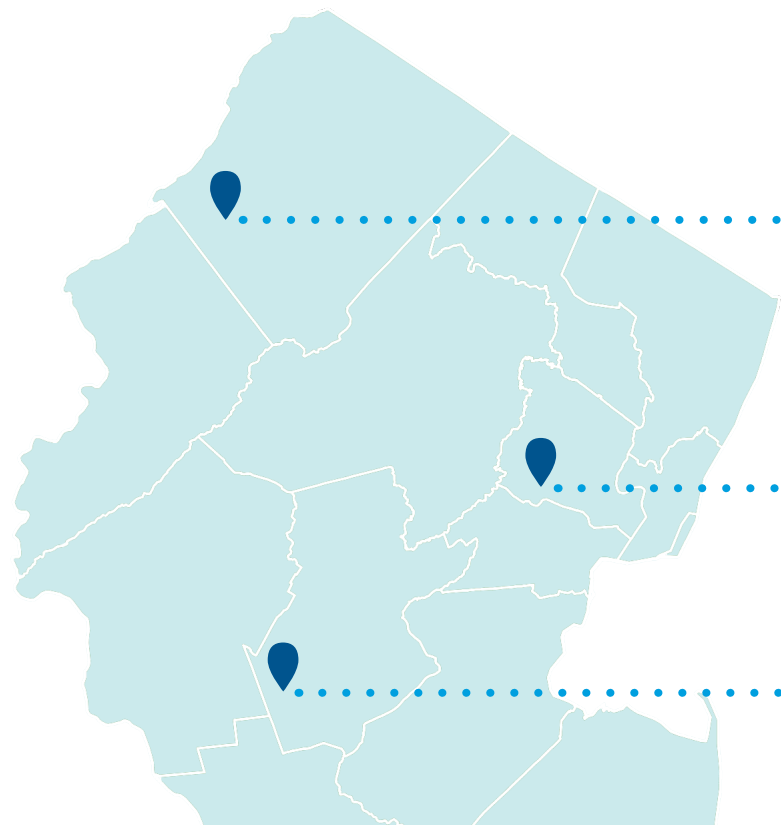
### Sleepaway Camp: Deb "Hook" Hooker

For over the past 40 years, Camp Hoover has been a part of my life and holds a special place in my heart. I call this place the MAGIC of camp! What is the magic of camp? It is the moment when a camper overcomes their fear, the time a new skill is learned, the joy of finishing an out trip, the first dip in the lake, the excitement of reuniting with friends and making new ones or just that simple moment around the campfire singing. The magic of camp is what brings me, the staff and our campers back year after year. I can't wait to share the magic this summer with new and returning campers. Our camp program is robust and ready for your camper! Old favorites are back and of course some new ones too. Our programs are designed for your camper to gain independence, become responsible, work with others and so much more. All of which are the magic of camp! I can't wait to share the summer of 2024 with your camper and see the magic flourish!





# Where Are We?



..... Sleepaway Camp  
**Camp Lou Henry Hoover**  
Middleville, NJ

..... Day Camp  
**The OVAL**  
Maplewood, NJ

..... Day Camp  
**Camp Agnes DeWitt**  
Hillsborough, NJ

## Safety Is Our Priority

As always, health and safety is at the forefront of our planning. We continue to work in partnership with Girl Scouts USA, the American Camp Association, the Alliance for Camp Health, and local, state, and national governing organization to ensure we implement the most up-to-date protocols for Summer 2024.

**Safe and Secure:** All three of GSHNJ's summer camps are accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). Independent health and safety audits by the ACA ensure we maintain the highest standards of accountability, credibility, and commitment to health, safety, and program quality. Additionally, our camps follow the standards for health, safety, and security guidelines of GSHNJ, Girl Scouts of the USA, and the New Jersey Youth Camp Safety Standards.



**Staff:** Our camp staff is comprised of college and high school students, teachers, and professional subject matter experts who have a special interest in working with young people in the outdoors. Camp staff participate in an intensive training focused on safety, communication, program delivery, understanding the needs of our campers, leadership, and team-building. Red Cross-certified lifeguards supervise all water activities, except brooking at Camp DeWitt and The OVAL. **Interested in joining our team and delivering the magic of camp? Check out the opposite page for more information.**

**Health Care:** A Health Supervisor is on site while the main camp program is in session. Lifeguard staff and most unit staff are certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED. An AED machine is available at all times on each property.

## Reading This Guide:

We've denoted badges earned in the following way:  
**[Badge name]** ● = Daisy (K-1)      **[Badge name]** ● = Cadette (6-8)  
**[Badge name]** ● = Brownie (2-3)      **[Badge name]** ● = Senior (9-10)  
**[Badge name]** ● = Junior (4-5)

For example "Outdoor Art Explorer ●" refers to the Junior Outdoor Art Explorer badge.

# Now Hiring: Summer Camp Adventure Guides

(or, ya know, camp staff!)

With lots of open positions in all different areas of camp, GSHNJ summer camps are the perfect place to grow while leaving a lasting impact on a camper's life!



## Why working at camp is right for everyone:

**Looking to build a resume full of relevant skills that employers are looking for?** Working at our summer camps helps build skills like:

- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Teamwork
- ▶ Creativity
- ▶ Thinking on your feet
- ▶ Decision-making

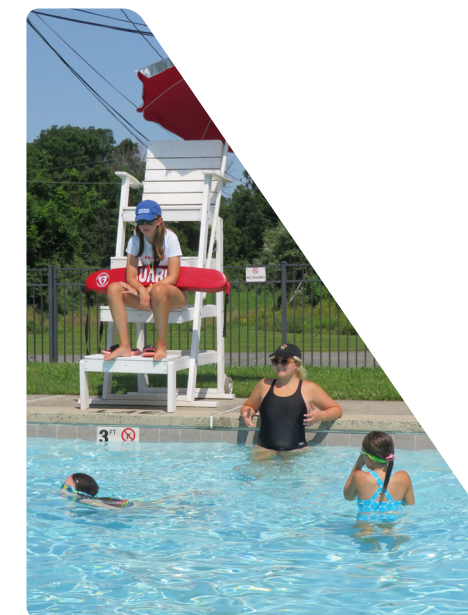
Plus, you'll make lifelong friendships!

**Looking for an internship? Our camp directors may be able to help.** Reach out to [kgrenci@gshnj.org](mailto:kgrenci@gshnj.org) for day camp or [dhooker@gshnj.org](mailto:dhooker@gshnj.org) for sleepaway camp.

## What are the benefits?

- Discounts for your campers.
- Certifications ranging from CPR/First Aid to Mental Health First Aid to Lifeguarding, at no cost to you!
- Employee referral program (contact your camp director for more information).
- Opportunities for year-round per diem work.
- Transportation to camp for day camp staff (ride the bus for free and get paid as a bus counselor!)

**For more info, visit [www.gshnj.org/summerncamp](http://www.gshnj.org/summerncamp) and click on "Summer Camp Employment."**



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# Day Camps

Camp Agnes DeWitt • Hillsborough, NJ  
The OVAL • Maplewood, NJ

Welcome to our Day Camps! Camp Agnes DeWitt rests above the valleys of Hillsborough within the Somerset County Sourland Mountains; its open fields are scattered across 152 acres of forest with a babbling brook and winding trails. The OVAL is a historic gem hidden in the picturesque South Mountain Reservation; its forest, rustic cabins, and large field offer a touch of wilderness right in the heart of Essex County.

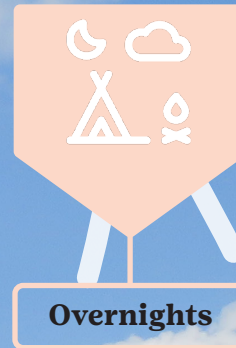
**Day camp run July 8 through August 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is open to campers entering Kindergarten through 10th grade.**

As you'll see, you have two categories of programs to choose from at both Day Camps: general and specialty. **General programs** offer a full range of traditional outdoor opportunities, experiences, and challenges appropriate for your age and skill level. The programs grow with you, acknowledging mastery of a skill and inviting you to take the next step up and out! Each general program has a weekly theme tied to a badge to allow campers to get a taste of what camp has to offer, all while learning new skills and keeping it fresh for returning or multi-week campers. **Specialty programs** allow you to select a specific area to focus on, spending large portions of each day concentrating on what you're most interested in. Just like our general programs, you earn a badge or award specific to your program's theme.

No matter what program you select, you will spend part of your time doing all the fun stuff open to everyone which may include arts & crafts, hiking, outdoor cooking, STEM activities, field games, and more. Both camps feature archery for campers in 2nd grade and older, and Camp DeWitt has a low ropes challenge course that flexes based on age and ability, as well as an Activity Center, and a pool that allows campers to build swimming proficiency and a chance to cool off.

Program fees include all activity supplies, one t-shirt per camper, daily afternoon snack, and earned badge(s). Check out the opposite page for add-on options like overnights, busing, and more!

Never been to our Day Camps before? See page 22 for information about tours, open houses, and camp director office hours.

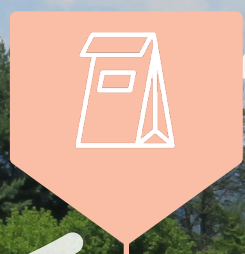


## Overnights

Camp DeWitt: Sessions 3 and 5  
The OVAL: Sessions 2 and 4

For just \$65/per camper, supplement their summer adventure by spending the night at camp! Campers entering grades 4 through 10 can experience camp life after the sun goes down. Enjoy dinner together, then gather around the campfire to share s'mores and songs. Rest peacefully in your cabin (The OVAL) or platform tent (Camp DeWitt), falling asleep to the sounds of the forest at night. Breakfast and lunch are provided the next day, too.

Space is limited to the first 20 campers who register, so you must select the overnight option at the time of program registration. Registration closes two weeks before the overnight program date.



## Optional Lunch

Day camp programs do not include daily lunch. Families that wish to purchase lunches for campers rather than providing it from home should reference the Family Guide for available options. **Lunch service is not guaranteed and will depend on summer camp enrollment projections as we near the summer.**



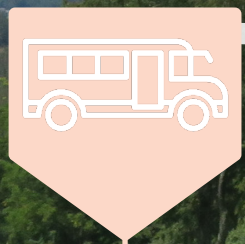
## Trading Post

Each day camp's trading post is full of camp-specific memorabilia and gear ranging from \$1.50 up to \$40. Campers visit the Trading Post at least once during the week to shop for souvenirs. Help your camper flex their budgeting muscles by loading their account with some money to spend at the Trading Post during the registration process. A form may be sent home during the session to help families work with their campers to make purchases. Unspent funds greater than \$3 will be refunded at the end of the summer.



## Before & After Care

Before and After Care at The OVAL is offered for an additional \$65 per week. Before care will be available from 7:30–9:00 a.m. and after care from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Busing is not available for before and after care, so families must arrange their own transportation. You must register for before and after care in advance.



## Busing

Camp DeWitt and The OVAL offer limited busing service to camp for an additional \$65 per week. Interested in using the bus to and from camp? See page 14 for further information.



# Camp DeWitt

Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4 Session 5 Session 6

Program	Grade	Fee	Capacity	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-Aug 2	Aug 5-9	Aug 12-16
<b>General Programs</b>									
Camp Sampler	K-3	\$425	18	X	X	X	X	X	X
Camp Quest	4-5	\$425	18	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Specialty Programs</b>									
Horseback Riding	4-5	\$785	14			X			
Summer Olympics	4-5	\$435	18				X		
Outdoor Art Explorer	4-5	\$435	18	X					
Camp Cooking Challenge	4-5	\$455	18		X				
Bits and Bobs	4-5	\$445	12						X
Bronze Bootcamp	4-5	\$425	12					X	
Journey Jumpstart: Think Like a Citizen Scientist	6-10	\$445	10				X		
Camp Aide	6-10	\$425	10	X	X	X			
Silver and Gold Get Together	6-10	\$425	12					X	
Robotics Recruits	6-10	\$445	14						X

“[She] loved camp—she has become great at advocating for herself, comfortable meeting new friends, and curious to explore and engage with the outdoors.” —2023 camp parent

# The OVAL

Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4 Session 5 Session 6

Program	Grade	Fee	Capacity	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-Aug 2	Aug 5-9	Aug 12-16
<b>General Programs</b>									
Camp Discover	K-1	\$425	14	X	X	X	X	X	X
Camp Explorer	2-3	\$425	16	X	X	X	X	X	X
Camp Quest	4-5	\$425	16	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Specialty Programs</b>									
Dance & Cheer	2-3	\$450	16	X					
Summer Olympics	2-3	\$435	16				X		
Fairies, Flowers and Butterflies	2-3	\$450	16		X				
Friends of the Forest	2-3	\$425	16			X			
Summer Science	2-3	\$460	16					X	
Friends of the Forest	4-5	\$425	16			X			
Robo Campers	4-5	\$450	16		X				
Summer Olympics	4-5	\$435	16				X		
Witches, Wands, and Campfires	4-5	\$455	16	X					
Camp Cooking Challenge	4-5	\$455	16						X
Aim, Shoot, Bullseye	6-8	\$445	12	X		X			
Comic-Con	6-8	\$445	12		X			X	
Summer Olympics	6-8	\$435	12				X		
Camp Aide	6-10	\$425	12	X	X	X	X	X	X

Please make sure we have a correct email address on file via our registration platform, UltraCamp, as we send important info via email!



## General Programs

Day Camp General Programs are specially designed for each grade level, and give campers the chance to try a bit of everything we have to offer. Since most activities are camper-led, each session's schedule is similar, but campers help decide what they'll do each day, making each week different.

### The programs listed below are offered at Camp DeWitt.

#### Camp Sampler

**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Fee** \$425

**Entering Grades** K-3

#### Badges

Session 1: Animal Observer ● // Bugs ●  
 Session 2: Eco Learner ● // Brownie Eco Friend ●  
 Session 3: Trail Adventure ●●  
 Session 4: Good Neighbor ● // Making Friends ●  
 Session 5: Create and Innovate ●●  
 Session 6: Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout Petal ●  
 Girl Scout Way ●

Sample what camp has to offer! You'll do a little bit of everything which may include outdoor skills, exploring nature, field games, hands-on science activities, arts & crafts, campfire and s'mores, and more. Considering coming for more than one session? Each week you and your fellow campers plan your group's adventures while working on a new and different badge.

#### Camp Quest

**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Fee** \$425

**Entering Grades** 4-5

#### Badges

Session 1: Animal Habitats ●  
 Session 2: Eco Camper ●  
 Session 3: Trail Adventure ●  
 Session 4: Social Butterfly ●  
 Session 5: Create and Innovate ●  
 Session 6: Girl Scout Way ●

Challenge yourself with a quest to find all the best parts of summer camp and enjoy everything our day camps have to offer. You'll do a little bit of everything: outdoor skills, exploring nature, field games, hands-on science activities, arts & crafts, campfire and s'mores, and more! Considering more than one session? Each week you and your fellow campers plan your group's adventures while working on a different badge.

### The programs listed below are offered at The OVAL.

#### Camp Discover

**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Fee** \$425

**Entering Grades** K-1

#### Badges

Session 1: Animal Observer ●  
 Session 2: Eco Learner ●  
 Session 3: Trail Adventure ●  
 Session 4: Good Neighbor ●  
 Session 5: Create and Innovate ●  
 Session 6: Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout Petal ●

Discover what fun you can have at our day camps as you enjoy all the best parts of summer camp! You'll do a little bit of everything which may include outdoor skills, exploring nature, field games, hands-on science activities, arts & crafts, campfire and s'mores, and more. Considering coming for more than one session? Each week you and your fellow campers plan your group's adventures while working on a new and different badge!

#### Camp Explorer

**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Fee** \$425

**Entering Grades** 2-3

#### Badges

Session 1: Bugs ●  
 Session 2: Eco Friend ●  
 Session 3: Trail Adventure ●  
 Session 4: Making Friends ●  
 Session 5: Create and Innovate ●  
 Session 6: Girl Scout Way ●

Explore everything our day camps have to offer as you enjoy all the best parts of camp! You'll do a little bit of everything which may include outdoor skills, exploring nature, field games, hands-on science activities, arts & crafts, campfire and s'mores, and more. Considering more than one session? Each week you and your fellow campers plan your group's adventures while working on a new and different badge!

#### Camp Quest

**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**Fee** \$425

**Entering Grades** 4-5

#### Badges

Session 1: Animal Habitats ●  
 Session 2: Eco Camper ●  
 Session 3: Trail Adventure ●  
 Session 4: Social Butterfly ●  
 Session 5: Create and Innovate ●  
 Session 6: Girl Scout Way ●

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## Camp DeWitt Specialty Programs

Day Camp Specialty Programs are carefully curated for age, interest, and abilities. Part of each day focuses on activities aligned with the specialty area; the rest is filled with enjoying camp-wide activities like field games, arts & crafts, hiking, outdoor cooking, and more.

### Grades 4-5

#### Bits and Bobs

**Session** 6

**Fee** \$445

**Badge** Jeweler ●

Create art you can wear and learn tools of the jewelry trade. Make something special out of leather or metal. Turn every day objects into jewelry, by recycling things you can find at home! Get inspiration from other cultures and the natural world around you. The fun won't stop at jewelry - learn a new tie-dye pattern and make a recycled bag or something for your next camping trip.

#### Camp Cooking Challenge

**Session** 2

**Fee** \$455

**Badge** Simple Meals ●

Get cooking in this introduction to culinary arts, where you will eat what you learn! Incorporate cleanliness, nutrition, measuring, and more. Will you master a quick bread or blend a smoothie? Will you sample some stick cooked treats or flip for a pie-iron? The possibilities are endless! End the week with your own version of Chopped and a mystery basket challenge, as you engage in friendly competition within your group and feast on your entries. The emphasis is on food, friends and fun!

#### Horseback Riding

**Session** 3

**Fee** \$785

**Badge** Horseback Riding ●

Travel to Kierson Farm in Flemington each day to learn all about horses! Learn about safety on and around horses, barn management, basic anatomy, grooming, the tack and harness, and the different styles of riding. Practice horsemanship basics with time spent riding most days. Enjoy lunch on the beautiful grounds of the farm. Back at camp, enjoy a few traditional camp activities, too.

#### Outdoor Art Explorer

**Session** 1

**Fee** \$435

**Badges** Outdoor Art Explorer ●

Be inspired by the outdoors! Explore outdoor artists and make your own creations. Paint the outdoors with watercolors, imprint natural objects on clay, print with feathers or found objects, and create a natural fairy house. You'll feel connected to the natural world, all while reaching new creative heights.

#### Summer Olympics

**Session** 4

**Fee** \$435

**Badge** Staying Fit ●

It's the 33<sup>rd</sup> Olympiad! We'll host the GSHNJ 2024 Olympics in our own way - with healthy activity, teamwork, and a little bit of history. Will you create your own version of a celebrated Olympic sport? Maybe you'll make a snack fit for an athlete. Either way, you'll feel like a champion and go for gold!

#### Bronze Bootcamp

**Session** 5

**Fee** \$425

**Badge** Inside Government ●

Get ready to make the world a better place as you learn and prepare for your Bronze Award - one of the highest awards a Girl Scout can earn! Understand what it means to be a part of a team, explore community issues, and learn what it means to take action. You'll also get a jumpstart on your journey—Agent of Change.

### Grades 6-10

#### Camp Aide

**Sessions** 1, 2, 3

**Fee** \$425

**Badges** Program Aide ● // CIT ●

Get a crash course in leadership skills, while deepening your understanding of what being a leader means. Learn from one another and compare experiences you've had working with youth. Participate in activities that teach you skills and behaviors necessary to work with young people. Spend your week shadowing camp counselors and practicing what you've learned with younger camper groups, acting as a role model and perfecting your skills.





**Journey Jumpstart: Think Like a Citizen Scientist**  
**Session** 4  
**Fee** \$445  
**Badges** Think Like a Citizen Scientist Award ●●

Become a camp citizen scientist! Investigate our natural environment and help affect change through your observations and research. Learn about invasive species and proactive planting. You'll earn everything up 'til your Take Action Award—but you'll be well prepared to do this in your own community.

**Robotics Recruits**  
**Session** 6  
**Fee** \$445  
**Badges** Robotics 2: Programming Robots ●●

Did you know that GSHNJ has a special Robotics club, for Cadettes, called the SheStormz?! In this fun and immersive weeklong program, you will have the chance to explore the First Lego League (FLL) style of robotic exploration, just like the SheStormz! By the end of the week, you will feel like a real engineer, programming your robot to complete tasks of your choice. Along the way, you will build friendships and trust in your team celebrating what everyone brings to the table. We'll even help you understand how to join a team local to you. No prior robotics or programming experience required.

**Silver and Gold Get Together**  
**Session** 5  
**Fee** \$425  
**Badges** Finding Common Ground ●  
 Truth Seeker ●

Get ready to make the world a better place as you learn and prepare for your Silver or Gold Award—the two highest awards a Girl Scout can earn! Understand what it means to be a part of a team, explore community issues, and learn what it means to take action. You'll learn from others—including Girl Scouts who have earned their awards—all while learning how to create and work with your assembled team.

## The OVAL Specialty Programs

### Grades 2–3

**Dance and Cheer**  
**Session** 1  
**Fee** \$450  
**Badge** Dancer ●

Let's go campers, let's go! Show us your camp spirit as we learn dance and cheer techniques. Develop teamwork and cooperation skills, practice techniques to keep you safe, and work as a group to create a team routine.

**Fairies, Flowers, and Butterflies**  
**Session** 2  
**Fee** \$450  
**Badge** Outdoor Art Creator ●

Channel your inner pixie! Dress the part of a fairy and create a fairy house in an enchanted garden, complete with furniture, live plants, and flowers. Enjoy a fairy tea party, make pixie dust, and become one with nature as we explore our magical forest, fields, and trails.

**Friends of the Forest**  
**Session** 3  
**Fee** \$425  
**Badges** Bugs ● // Tree Promise Patch

Campers will discover the “great outdoors” through hands-on experiences, including tree identification, understanding invasive species, and ecology activities. See what creatures make their homes at camp through bird watching, brooking, hiking, and nature scavenger hunts. Look for animal and insect tracks on our trails. Get to know what makes up our woods while we work together to plant, protect, and honor trees.

**Summer Olympics**  
**Session** 4  
**Fee** \$435  
**Badge** Fair Play ●

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**Summer Science**  
**Session** 5  
**Fee** \$460  
**Badge** Home Scientist ●

Become a scientific sleuth as you learn how to ask bright questions and find the right answers. Experiment with everyday objects to understand more about the world around you: build a model volcano, create a vortex in a bottle, understand the chemistry of tie-dye, and so much more.

### Grades 4–5

**Camp Cooking Challenge**  
**Session** 5  
**Fee** \$455  
**Badge** Simple Meals ●

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**Friends of the Forest**  
**Session** 3  
**Fee** \$425  
**Badges** Animal Habitats ●  
 Tree Promise Patch

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**Robo Campers**  
**Session** 2  
**Fee** \$450  
**Badge** Robotics 1: Programming Robots ●

Learn some robot basics and introductory paper and pencil programming. Develop a basic understanding of simple circuitry. Understand how simple machines play a role in designing robots like the Mars Rover and practice with them in challenges like an egg drop and tower design. Build a tiny robot you can take home and, once you've mastered the basics, start programming small robots with your group.

**Summer Olympics**  
**Session** 4  
**Fee** \$435  
**Badge** Staying Fit ●

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**Witches, Wands, and Campfires**  
**Session** 1  
**Fee** \$455  
**Badge** Social Butterfly ●

Have a witchingly good time in this mystical inspired program! Dress the part of your favorite witch or wizard and spend the week making magic. Create your own wand and test it out with some spellbinding STEM activities. Learn to make butterbeer and chocolate frogs and play games like Quidditch and Giants, Wizards, Elves!

### Grades 6–8

**Aim, Shoot, Bullseye**  
**Sessions** 1, 3  
**Fee** \$445  
**Badge** Archery ●

Take aim, shoot, and score a bullseye in this week of archery! Whether you are new to archery or an experienced archer, we will visit the archery range every day to hone everyone's individual skills. Work with recurve and compound bows, play archery games, and learn to use and maintain bows and arrows. Show off your marksmanship at the end of the week in an archery tournament.

**Comic-Con**  
**Sessions** 2, 5  
**Fee** \$445  
**Badge** Comic Artist ●

Channel your inner fan with this week of comics, books, TV shows, movies, and more! Learn about barrier-breaking comic artists and what it takes to make an awesome superhero. Make your own comic book, create and wear cosplay, and nerd out with your fellow campers over your favorite fictional stories and characters.





**Summer Olympics**  
**Session** 4  
**Fee** \$435  
**Badge** Good Sportsmanship ●

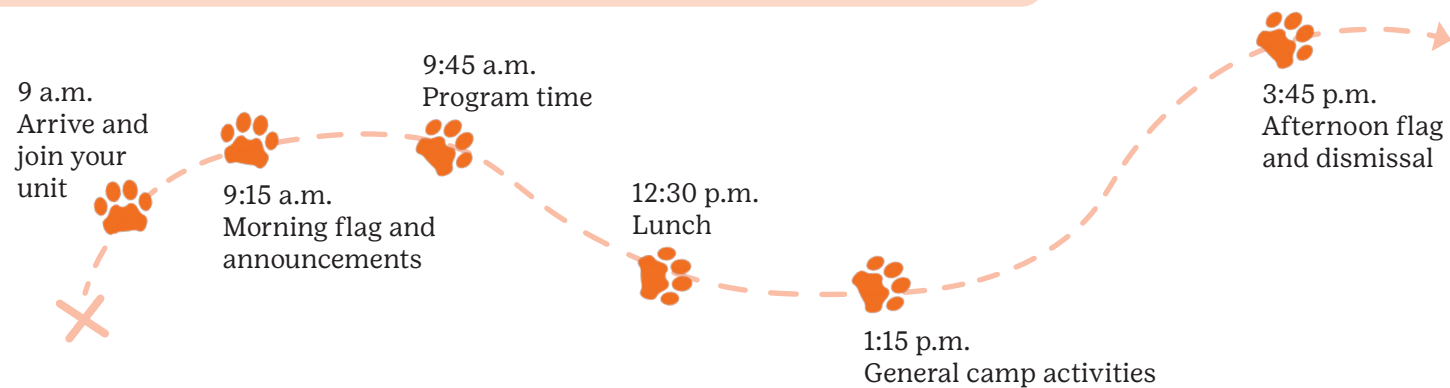
It's the 33<sup>rd</sup> Olympiad! We'll host the GSHNJ 2024 Olympics in our own way - with healthy activity, teamwork, and a little bit of history. Will you create your own version of a celebrated Olympic sport? Maybe you'll make a snack fit for an athlete. Either way, you'll feel like a champion and go for Gold!

## Grade 6–10

**Camp Aide**  
**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
**Fee** \$425  
**Badges** Program Aide ● // CIT ●

Get a crash course in leadership skills, while deepening your understanding of what being a leader means. Learn from one another and compare experiences you've had working with youth. Participate in activities that teach you skills and behaviors necessary to work with young people. Spend your week shadowing camp counselors and practicing what you've learned with younger camper groups, acting as a role model and perfecting your skills.

## A Walk on the Wild Side at Day Camp:



**Need to know more about what to expect at day camp?** You'll find our Family Guide on our website by March 1<sup>st</sup>; it's full of detailed information regarding goals, outcomes, camp life, policies, procedures—everything you and your camper need to know before, during, and after their stay at camp. We ask that you read it carefully with your camper so everyone is aware of what to expect. **Also coming this year: a new supplementary guide for supporting your day campers!** Be on the look out for this tool, available no later than June.

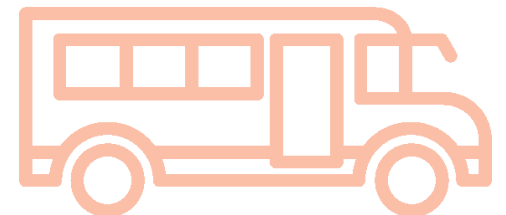
# Day Camp Transportation

**Both day camps offer limited busing service to and from camp for an additional \$65 per week.**

All times are subject to change based on session enrollment. Guardians must arrive at the bus stop 10-15 minutes prior to the designated stop time and remain with your camper until the bus arrives. Buses all arrive at camp by 9:00 a.m. (depending on traffic) and leave camp between 4:00–4:10 p.m.

**Please note: The listed bus stops and times are only examples and are subject to change. The exact bus schedule will be confirmed with the bus company and sent to families prior to the start of camp.** Additionally, campers being driven to and/or from camp should arrive between 8:50-9:00am and be picked up between 3:50-4:00pm. You **must** notify your camp in writing prior to any changes to your camper's bus route, bus stop, or guardian transport. We ask that, whenever possible, any early pick-ups be completed prior to 2:30pm. Full transportation guidelines are outlined in the Family Guide.

Route	Town	Bus Stop Location	AM Pick-Up	PM Drop-Off
<b>Camp DeWitt Route 1</b>	Somerset	500 Elizabeth Ave. (Franklin High School)	7:35	5:15
	Montgomery	375 Burnt Hill Rd. (Montgomery Upper Middle School)	7:58	4:46
	Hillsborough	626 US-206 (Bottle King Plaza)	8:17	4:36
	Hillsborough	379 South Branch Rd. (Municipal Complex)	8:27	4:30
	Neshanic Station	333 Maple Ave. (Neshanic Vol. Fire Co.)	8:37	4:20
<b>Camp DeWitt Route 2</b>	White House	531 US-22 (Kings Shopping Plaza)	7:45	5:15
	North Branch	1171 NJ-28 (GSHNJ North Branch Service Center)	8:00	4:50
	Bridgewater	400 Commons Way (Bridgewater Mall – Bloomingdale's)	8:20	4:35
<b>Camp DeWitt Route 3</b>	Warren	100 Old Stirling Rd. (Warren Township Middle School)	8:00	5:00
	Bound Brook	319 Chimney Rock Rd. (Chimney Rock – Whole Foods)	8:15	4:45
	Somerville	51 Union Ave. (Vanderveer Elementary School)	8:30	4:30
<b>The OVAL Route 1</b>	Hoboken 1	Washington St. and 12 <sup>th</sup> St. (across from Hoboken Children's Acad. II)	7:45	5:00
	Hoboken 2	Washington St. at Newark St. (Near CVS)	8:00	4:45
<b>The OVAL Route 2</b>	Union	Salem Rd. at Huguenot Ave. (opp. Townley Pres. Church)	7:55	5:25
	Cranford	901 Orange Ave. (Orange Ave. School)	8:15	4:45
	Maplewood	Oakland Rd. and Tuscon Rd. (Behind library)	8:40	4:20
<b>The OVAL Route 3</b>	Nutley	379 Bloomfield Ave. (Radcliffe Elementary School)	8:10	4:50
	Montclair	Bloomfield Ave. and Grove St. (Lackawanna Plaza)	8:25	4:35
	Verona	Lakeside Ave. and Pease Ave. (across from Verona Park)	8:40	4:20
<b>The OVAL Route 4</b>	Westfield	201 E. Grove St. (GSHNJ Westfield Service Center)	7:45	5:15
	Scotch Plains	Park Ave. at Front St. (gazebo area)	8:05	4:55
	Berkeley Heights	Plainfield Ave. and Sherman Ave. (train station area)	8:20	4:40
	Summit	Morris Ave. at Lafayette Ave. (Washington Elementary)	8:40	4:20





# Sleepaway Camp

Camp Lou Henry Hoover • Middleville, NJ

Welcome to Camp Lou Henry Hoover Sleepaway Camp! Since 1953, Camp Hoover has been providing unique experiences that create life-changing memories. Time spent among the forests, hills, and lake of Camp Hoover's 340 acres is a journey into independence—a place where you'll test your limits, expand your horizons, hone your skills, overcome fears, get outside, unplug, learn, grow, and make lots of friends.

**Sleepaway camp runs from July 7 through August 17, starting on Sunday and ending on Saturday each week, and is open to campers entering 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

There are two types of programs to choose from at Camp Hoover: general and specialty. General programs offer an array of outdoor activities, experiences, and challenges appropriate for your age and skill level like swimming, boating, archery, ropes course, arts & crafts, hiking, outdoor skills, games, singing, and more! Specialty programs focus on a particular interest, spending part of each day concentrating on what you're most interested in. The rest of the time, you're doing the fun stuff included in our general programs like swimming, boating, archery, and more! Plus, there's plenty of all-camp activities like kapers (jobs that help keep camp running smoothly), campfires, and gathering for meals in the dining hall. No matter which one you choose, our programs grow with you, acknowledging mastery of a skill and inviting you to take the next step up and out!

The program you choose determines your housing type. In some programs, you'll share a platform tent equipped with metal cots, mattresses, and a storage cubby. Our platform tents sleep five campers in each unit. Just a few steps away from the tents are the bathroom facilities (known as the Cindy) with flush toilets, hot and cold running water, sinks, and showers. Unit program shelters provide a covered area for meetings, cookouts, and unit activities. Indoor shelter is available during severe storms. In some programs, you'll bunk in a cabin equipped with kitchens, indoor bathroom facilities, sleeping rooms with bunk beds, and common rooms. In Outdoor Survival, you'll sleep in a primitive shelter, with a bathroom facility that includes flush toilets and sinks with running water. An open-air, covered shelter provides cover; but don't worry, you'll get to shower at other sites during your stay.

Camp Hoover fees include all activity supplies, admissions to outside facilities when applicable, meals, and snacks. Check out the opposite page for add-on options like weekend stayovers and trading post.






## Stayovers

Campers registering for back-to-back sessions have the opportunity to stay over at camp from Saturday to Sunday for an additional fee of \$150. During the stayover, all campers are housed together and may spend time at the waterfront, work on arts & crafts, have a little extra rest time, and round the evening out with pizza and a movie. Parents and family members can visit during the stayover and take their camper off-site if they like.

## Trading Post

Hoover's Trading Post is full of camp-specific and fun patches, memorabilia, and gear ranging from \$1 to \$60. Campers visit the Trading Post once during the week to shop for souvenirs for themselves and their family. Help your camper flex their budgeting muscles by loading their account with some money to spend at the Trading Post during the registration process. These funds are also used to cover unit and staff photos, purchases at the Tack Shop for horseback riders, money to be spent at off-site trips where applicable, and laundry during stayovers. Unspent funds greater than \$3 will be refunded at the end of the stay. The Trading Post is also open during check-in and check-out periods for families and campers to visit.

### Site Type Key:

-  Building
-  Tent
-  Primitive



# Camp Hoover

Session 1   Session 2   Session 3   Session 4   Session 5   Session 6

Program	Grade	Fee	Capacity	July 7-13	July 14-20	July 21-27	July 28-Aug 3	Aug 4-10	Aug 11-17
<b>General Programs</b>									
A Little Camp Fun	1-3	\$295	16		July 18-20				
Mini Camp	1-4	\$400	20		July 14-17				Aug 11-14
Grand Tour	2-5	\$715	24	X		X		X	
<b>Specialty Programs</b>									
Beads, Buttons, and Baubles	2-5	\$715	16	X				X	
Let's Celebrate!	2-5	\$715	16				X		
S'mores and Outdoors	2-5	\$715	12		X			X	
Wet and Wild	2-5	\$715	12				X		X
Camp Foodie	4 - 6	\$715	16			X		X	
Energize into the Future	4 - 6	\$785	16			X			
Girl on Fire	4 - 6	\$715	12				X		X
Hoover Pioneers	4 - 6	\$765	20					X	
Outdoor Odyssey	4 - 6	\$765	12	X					
Wizarding World	4 - 6	\$765	20			X	X		
Creation Studio	4 - 10	\$715	16	X	X	X	X		X
Gymnastics	4 - 10	\$715	12			X		X	
Horseback Riding	4 - 10	\$1,000	10	X	X				X
Pajama Drama	4 - 10	\$715	16		X		X		X
Chillin' Out	6 - 8	\$715	16	X					X
Saddles, Paddles, Arrows	6 - 8	\$865	16	X	X				X
Create IT!	7 - 10	\$765	12					X	
Everynight Live	7 - 10	\$715	24	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hoover Escapades	7 - 10	\$1,050	20				X		
Roving Robotics	7 - 10	\$785	12		X				
Set Sail	7 - 10	\$765	12	X		X		X	
Summer Get Away	7 - 10	\$765	12			HIKE	CANOE		
Adventurer	7 - 12	\$1,200	10					X	X
Middies (2 weeks)	7 - 12	\$1,750	12	July 7-20					
Outdoor Survival	7 - 12	\$850	10			X			
What's SUP?	7 - 12	\$765	12		X		X		X
Super Summer Baskets	7-12	\$715	8		X				
Counselor in Training I (2 weeks)	Age 14+	\$1,000	10			July 21-Aug 3			
Counselor in Training II (2 weeks)	Age 14+	\$1,000	10					Aug 4-17	

## General Programs

Sleepaway Camp General Programs are designed for campers entering Grades: 1-5 and provide a broad camp experience, with varied activities and waterfront time daily. These programs are great if you want to experience all that Camp Hoover has to offer.

### A Little Camp Fun

**Session** July 18-20  
**Fee** \$295  
**Entering Grades** 1-3  
**Badges** Outdoor Adventurer • Cabin Camper •



Arrive at camp on Thursday morning and enjoy a sampler of activities including swimming, boating, arts and crafts, games, hiking and more! A first camp experience in a nutshell.

### Mini Camp

**Sessions** July 14-17; August 11-14  
**Fee** \$400  
**Entering Grades** 1-4  
**Badges** Outdoor Adventurer • Cabin Camper • // Camper •



This three-night experience is for a first-time camper, or for someone who wants a shorter stay at Camp Hoover. Daily waterfront fun, hiking, arts and crafts, team building, and more will keep the campers busy during their stay. **Note:** Campers must be picked up at camp at the end of the camp's session on Wednesday afternoon.

### Grand Tour

**Sessions** 1, 3, 5  
**Fee** \$715  
**Entering Grades** 2-5  
**Badges** Hiker • // Bugs • // Camper •



Sample all that Camp Hoover has to offer! Try the ropes course, archery, a pond study, swimming, boating, hiking Hoover's hills, cooking out, and arts and crafts. Learn about the world around you and how to take care of the environment. Whether you're a newcomer to Hoover or an experienced camper, Grand Tour is perfect for you!

Please make sure we have a correct email address on file via our registration platform, UltraCamp, as we send important info via email!

## Specialty Programs

Our Specialty Programs are designed for campers entering grades 2-12. Specialty programs focus on their area of concentration for about 2.5 hours each day. Campers in specialty programs are housed together by age/grade, and in their program time are together with the full group. The remainder of the day will be spent with swimming, boating, participating in arts and crafts, participating in archery, ropes course, hiking, and more!

### Grades 2-5

#### Beads, Buttons, and Baubles

**Sessions** 1, 5  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badges** Painting • // Drawing •



Create a beaded keychain, friendship bracelets, splatter art wall hanging, and other baubles! Then explore art outdoors and use natural objects to create with. Spend time drawing and painting your own pieces of art. Your inner creativity will flow this week as you have fun with your new friends. There will be plenty of time to swim, boat, hike, and more!

#### Let's Celebrate

**Session** 4  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badges** Making Friends • // Social Butterfly •



Come to camp and celebrate—this week is all about parties! Host an un-birthday party for your camp friends, trick or treat around camp, celebrate Chinese New Year, and attend a floating tea party at the lake.

#### S'mores and Outdoors

**Sessions** 2, 5  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badges** Snacks • // Eco Camper • Simple Meals •



Spend your days exploring various outdoor and campy desserts! From s'mores to banana boats to campfire cookies you will learn the basics of outdoor cooking and have fun creating and decorating in an outdoorsy theme. Perfect your fire building skills, practice leave no trace, and decorate your own cake to share with others!

#### Wet and Wild

**Sessions** 4, 6  
**Fee** \$715



Enjoy a world of water fun! Water balloon volleyball, a splash contest, water aerobics, and more! Spend each day swimming, boating, funyaking, exploring the lake, and learning about water safety. Discover the mysteries of Swartswood Lake—what wildlife is present and how to help maintain a healthy lake.



## Grades 4–6

**Camp Foodie**  
**Sessions** 3, 5  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badges** Simple Meals ● // Eating for You ●

Whether you're looking to work on your cooking skills or just love to try different foods, this week is for you! Work with your fellow campers to make snacks and meals that taste good and are good for you too! You'll learn how what you eat can affect your skin, sleep, and mood. End the week by creating an Insta-worthy sweet treat!

**Energize into the Future**  
**Session** 3  
**Fee** \$785  
**Badge** STEM Career Exploration ●

In this fun and energy packed program we work as engineers, researchers, rescue workers, scientists, and kids who make an impact! We'll start our journey of energy exploration with an oil-spill rescue and move through building circuits to better understand how alternative energy works. Through games, surveys, and teamwork, we'll end our journey by exploring ways we can be more environmentally friendly to make our earth a cleaner and safer place.

**Girl on Fire**  
**Sessions** 4, 6  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badges** Eco Camper ● // First Aid ●

Focus on outdoor survival skills such as self-defense, archery, first aid, building shelters in the woods, lake exploration, finding edible plants, and other surprising challenges. You'll perfect your fire building and whittling skills while also enjoying all the other camp activities.

**Hoover Pioneers**  
**Session** 5  
**Fee** \$765  
**Badge** Playing the Past ●

Here's your chance to live like a true pioneer. Learn to make butter, bake bread, cookout, dip candles, make natural dyes, prepare homemade apple cider, work on pioneer crafts, participate in archery, and enjoy a day trip to the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

**Outdoor Odyssey**  
**Session** 1  
**Fee** \$765  
**Badge** Trail Adventure ●●

Practice your hiking and canoeing skills while enjoying Hoover's general program including the challenge course and archery. Plan and participate in a one-day hiking trip at the Delaware Water Gap and a one-day trip canoeing on the Delaware River.

**Wizarding World**  
**Sessions** 3, 4  
**Fee** \$765

Grab your wands and head to camp where on the first night, you will get sorted into your houses and spend the week earning house points! Take a potions class, defend against the dark arts, discover wildlife birds, learn about astronomy and herbology, and care for magical creatures.

## Grades 4–10

**Creation Studio**  
**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 6  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badges** Varies

Recognize your full artistic potential! Try something new or expand your existing talents! Activities include painting, leatherwork, weaving, dipping candles, silk screening, jewelry making, and more.

**Gymnastics**  
**Sessions** 3, 5  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badges** Staying Fit ● // Good Sportsmanship ●

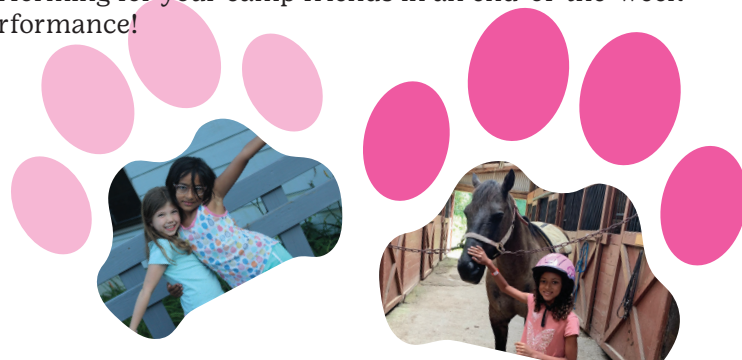
Cartwheel into camp! Gymnastics instruction is for all skill levels and includes practice in tumbling, dance, balance beam, vault, and floor exercises. You'll have a chance to showcase your newly-acquired skills in an end-of-the-week performance! Experienced counselors will instruct at each level.

**Horseback Riding**  
**Sessions** 1, 2, 6  
**Fee** \$1,000  
**Badge** Horseback Riding ●

Progress at your own pace as you spend three hours each day at nearby Spring Valley Farms riding and learning about tack. Ride Western saddle in the outdoor and indoor rings and enjoy a special trail ride. Spend time learning more about horses and horse care.

**Pajama Drama**  
**Sessions** 2, 4, 6  
**Fee** \$715

Develop your entertaining skills. Work on group drama activities, design costumes and scenery, and hone your acting skills. Put your skills to the test while performing for your camp friends in an end-of-the-week performance!



## Grades 6–8

**Chillin' Out**  
**Sessions** 1, 6  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badge** Eating for You ●

Come to camp to relax and get away from it all. Start your day with yoga, learn about aromatherapy, make your own bath and beauty products, hang out at the waterfront, express yourself in arts and crafts, or spend extra time journaling, reading, coloring and more! Create your own healthy snacks and share with others.

**Saddles, Paddles, Arrows**  
**Sessions** 1, 2, 6  
**Fee** \$865  
**Badge** Archery ●

Spend the week enjoying archery, canoeing, and riding horses. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing and take a day trip around Swartswood Lake. Take a trip to the stables to spend time with the horses and go on a trail ride for one day. Spend time at the archery range working on scoring a bulls-eye.

## Grades 7–10

**Create It!**  
**Session** 5  
**Fee** \$765

Imagination is the thing! Your days will be spent creating using various mediums. Start the week by making and playing with clay, craft a simple pot and then make it special using paint and glaze! Paint from the waterfront dock, create on pallets, and have some fun at "art"chery!

**Everynight Live**  
**Sessions** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
**Fee** \$715  
**Badge** Night Owl ●

Sleep through breakfast and wake up late. Fill the nights with: stargazing, s'mores over a campfire, twilight swim or boat, arts and crafts by moonlight, archery, games, or a midnight snack. Spend your afternoons swimming, boating, playing games on the playfield, relaxing with friends, and more.

**Hoover Escapades**  
**Session** 4  
**Fee** \$1,050

Set off on a trip to explore, see the sights, and take in some of the local attractions of Northern New Jersey. Enjoy trips to Tomahawk Lake Waterpark, TreEscapes in Vernon, tubing on the Delaware River, and much more!

**Roving Robotics**  
**Session** 2  
**Fee** \$785  
**Badge** Designing Robots ●●

Celebrate persistence and challenge! Thinking just like a scientist! Explore ROVs (Remote Operated Vehicles) and all the amazing things they do. But even more exciting, you'll be building your own ROV and testing it in the lake! Working in small teams you'll explore electrical circuits, buoyancy, programming, and learn that mistakes are essential throughout the scientific process!

**Set Sail**  
**Sessions** 1, 3, 5  
**Fee** \$765

Tack away and try your hands at gliding across Swartswood Lake in a Sunfish sailboat. Spend several hours each day receiving instruction from our trained staff and testing your skills on the water! Note: All campers participating in boating activities prepare by learning lifejacket and water safety, which includes a deep-water test.

**Summer Getaway**  
**Sessions** 3 (Hike), 4 (Canoe)  
**Fee** \$765

Spend two days and one night either canoeing on the Delaware River or hiking and backpacking on the Appalachian Trail. While at camp help to plan the trip, practice your camping skills, strengthen your hiking or canoeing proficiency, and learn about leave no trace camping as you prepare for your adventure.

## Grades 7–12

**Adventurer**  
**Sessions** 5, 6  
**Fee** \$1,200  
**Badges** Climbing Adventure ●  
 Adventurer Camper ●

Push yourself to the limit! Try rock climbing, white water rafting on the Lehigh River, challenge the high ropes course, and more! Each day will be a new challenge for you and your friends.

**Middies**  
**Session** 1–2 (July 7–20)  
**Fee** \$1,750  
**Badge** Paddling ●

Canoeing down the Delaware River can be a thrill... After a few days of canoeing and camping training at Camp Hoover (including an overnight by the lake), set out for a canoe adventure on the Delaware River. Experience magnificent scenery, physical challenge, and the rewards of teamwork. Campers participating in this trip should have previous experience canoeing. **Note:** This is a two week program, no additional stayover fee.



**Outdoor Survival**  
**Session** 3  
**Fee** \$850  
**Badges** Primitive Camper ●  
 Adventure Camper ●



Live primitively while learning the basics of camping including fire building and outdoor cooking methods, survival techniques, water purification, and more. Spend one day rock climbing at Rick's Rocks.

**Super Summer Baskets**  
**Session** 2  
**Fee** \$715



Weaving baskets, whether you are a beginner or returning weaver, is a perfect way to express yourself. Bright color reeds, cool textures, fabrics, naturals, and great designs will enhance the traditional basket styles you'll make: market basket, ribbed melon basket, bird's nest, and treasure basket are just a few you might make. The sky's the limit!

**What's SUP?**  
**Sessions** 2, 4, 6  
**Fee** \$765



Stand up paddle boarding that's what's up! Spend the week practicing your paddling skills, completing team-building activities, having a relay race, playing tag, and learning skills—all while riding a SUP. There will be plenty of time for your other favorite camp activities as well!

## Age 14+

**Counselor in Training I**  
**Session** July 21–August 3  
**Fee** \$1,000  
**Badge** CIT I



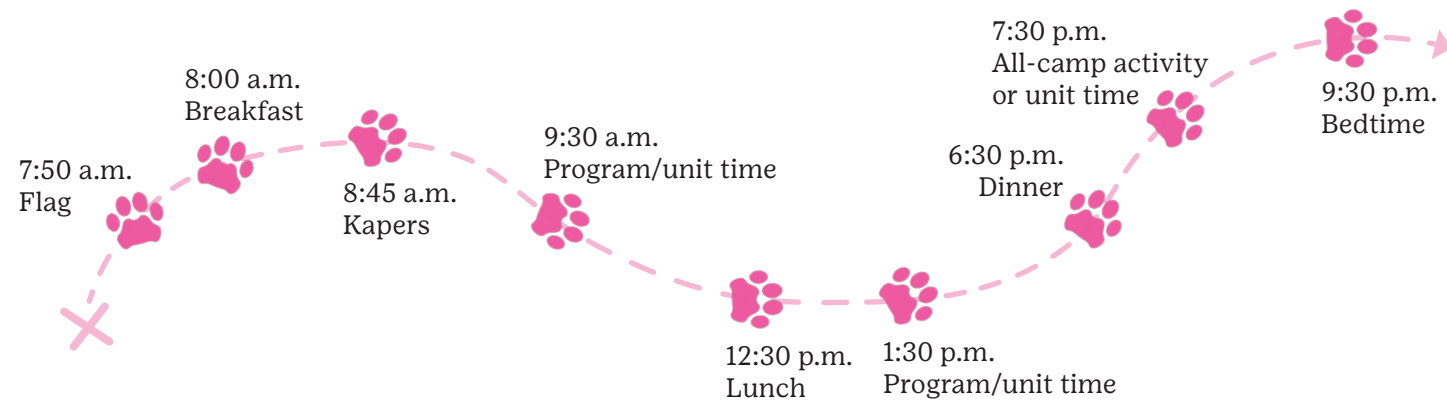
Experience camp while developing your leadership and counseling skills! Discover your own personal leadership style as you work to identify and build on the strengths that you already possess. The CIT I theme is **sisterhood**, so be prepared to build connections, make memories, learn and laugh with your sister campers, as well as be a role model. Lead the way for younger campers and work on a service project to help improve the Hoover site. **Note:** Stayover fee is additional.

**Counselor in Training II**  
**Session** August 4–17  
**Fee** \$1,000  
**Badge** CIT II



Take your leadership and counselor skills to the next level! All campers in this program must have earned the CIT I Award. Spend the first week of your stay at Camp Hoover exploring your strengths and passions, discovering your personal values, and developing activities for younger campers! Then spend a week focused on increasing your skills in a specific camp program by working with the girls in it! **Note:** Stayover fee is additional.

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We're excited for you to join our pack (or herd, or pride, or leap!) and we can't wait to meet you.

## Come Visit Us

As you get ready for summer camp, we invite you to visit our sites to meet staff, take a tour, learn more about our camping opportunities, and have all your questions answered. Save the date for tours, open houses, and service days at all three of our camp properties.

Make a Difference Days are service opportunities for individuals, troops, friends, and families to help revitalize our camps after winter in preparation for spring rentals and summer camp. Projects include cleaning sites, making small repairs, painting, trail cleaning, and more! These projects are essential to maintaining our camp properties and hours may be applied to Hearts of Service. Lunch and a campfire with s'mores are included for all volunteers at our day camps. At Camp Hoover, come for the day or stay one or two nights—lunch, dinner, and s'mores provided!

**Register for tours, open houses, and Make a Difference Days by visiting the GSHNJ Event Calendar.**



	Camp DeWitt	The OVAL	Camp Hoover
<b>Tours</b> Join us at a dedicated time for a tour of camp.	Sundays March 24 or April 7, 10 a.m.	Sunday April 14 10 a.m.	January 21, February 3, March 9, or May 11 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
<b>Open Houses</b> Drop in any time for a tour and activities.	Sundays March 24 and April 7 12–4 p.m.	Sunday April 14 12–4 p.m.	Sunday April 14 12–4 p.m.
<b>Make a Difference Days/Weekend</b>	Saturday April 13 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	Saturday April 6 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	March 8–10
<b>Sleepaway Camper &amp; Family Virtual Meeting</b>			May 22 or June 4 7 p.m. on Zoom



# Registration FAQs

## Girl Scout Membership Info

- ▶ All campers must be Girl Scout members, either with GSHNJ or another Girl Scout council.
  - Have a current 2024 Girl Scout membership? Continue on to “Ready to Register for Camp?” below.
  - Had a GSHNJ Membership in 2023, but haven’t renewed for 2024? Go to [www.gshnj.org](http://www.gshnj.org) and click on myGS.
    - Use your email address as a username.
    - Click on the green “Purchase Membership link.”
    - Complete your purchase.
  - When registering your camper for a Girl Scout membership on our website, please DO NOT put in your own zip code. Instead, please use:
    - 08876 for Camp Hoover and use “Camp Hoover Registration” as the troop number.
    - 08844 for Camp DeWitt and use “Camp DeWitt Summer Camp Registration” as the troop number.
    - 07090 for The OVAL and use “The OVAL Summer Camp Registration” as the troop number.
    - This will allow you to purchase your camper a Girl Scout membership, but not register them to a traditional troop.
  - Need assistance? Call Member Support at 908-947-1708 to get started.
- ▶ If campers do not purchase or renew their Girl Scout membership by June 10, 2024, their camp order will be canceled and the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferrable, camp registration fee will be held.

## Ready to Register for Camp?

- ▶ Use the QR code on the back of this guide to get to our Summer Camp website.
  - In this first year in our new registration system new and returning camp families must create a new account. This is the perfect time to make sure your contact information including emails and phone numbers is up-to-date! An adult must create the account for themselves and then add their camper(s). Please do not make an account in your camper’s name.
  - From here, you will be able to register for all GSHNJ camps and for one or more campers in your family.
- ▶ Select the camp(s) and program(s) your camper(s) is interested in.
- ▶ Select add-on options, like before/after care.
- ▶ You will be able to apply for financial assistance, if needed. **Note:** If you are applying for financial assistance, you must still register your camper and pay the \$100 per session camp registration fee, refundable if financial assistance is denied.

- ▶ Review your cart for accuracy.
- ▶ Click “proceed to payment” where you’ll have the option of paying in full or paying only the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit to secure your spot(s).
- ▶ If paying only the deposit, you’ll have the option of scheduling a payment plan and the UltraCamp system will collect all full/final payments on June 10, 2024.
- ▶ All registrations made on June 10, 2024 or later must be paid in full at the time of registration.
- ▶ GSHNJ may cancel any program if registration does not meet required minimums. If a program is canceled due to low registration, alternate programs will be offered or a full refund issued, if necessary. See below for refund details.

## What’s Next?

- ▶ During the registration process, you will be able to fill out the needed Health History information and additional camp program forms. Required forms must be completed prior to making a payment. Families should complete all forms openly and honestly. This information is used to provide the best level of care possible for your camper.
- ▶ We no longer require a copy of the immunization or insurance cards. Please be sure this information is accurate in the online Health History.
- ▶ We no longer require a doctor’s signature on the Health History.
- ▶ The Document Center contains a wealth of information including the Family Guide (by March 1<sup>st</sup>), directions to the camps, packing lists, bus information, and the ability to upload forms and the financial assistance supporting documents, if needed.
- ▶ The Family Guide and additional information for each camp is also posted on [www.gshnj.org/summercamp](http://www.gshnj.org/summercamp).

## Can I Change a Program or Session?

- ▶ A \$40 transfer fee will be charged to change a program or session.
- ▶ Changes must be sent by email to [summercamp@gshnj.org](mailto:summercamp@gshnj.org). Please indicate the camp, program/session, and camper’s full name in the subject line. Please note that some sessions and programs may fill so changes will be made if the requested session or program is still available.

## Is There a Waiting List?

- ▶ Yes—if all the spots are full, the registration system will allow you to join a waiting list. The waiting list is dated and timestamped. You will not be able to see where you sit on the waiting list.
- ▶ If a spot becomes available, you will be notified by an automated email from the UltraCamp system. You will have (2) days to follow the link contained in the email to complete registration. After (2) days, the system will release your hold and move on to the next person on the waiting list.

## What if I Want a Refund?

- ▶ Refund requests received prior to June 10, 2024 will be honored less the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferrable, camp registration fee.
  - Why is my deposit non-refundable, even before the session begins? Fees are incurred for your camper in advance of the summer, including site preparations, supply purchases, and staff training.
- ▶ Send refund requests to [summercamp@gshnj.org](mailto:summercamp@gshnj.org). Indicate the camp, program/session and camper’s full name in the subject line.
- ▶ No refunds will be issued after June 10, 2024 except for requests due to a death in the immediate family or medical necessity (written note from physician must accompany request). These refunds will be processed less the \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferrable, camp registration fee. Refunds requested after the start of a camp session will be pro-rated.
- ▶ Weather-related refunds are not given unless the camp is closed. If the camp is closed due to weather, pro-rated refunds will be issued to registered campers. Communicable disease exposure related cancellations and refunds are approved on a case by case basis.

“[She] has gotten very good at making new friends and this camp supported that even more. She was always shy and scared to talk to people, but she has opened up faster with people at camp. She also can’t wait to go horseback riding again!”

—2023 camp parent





# Need Help Punching Your Ticket?



## Discounts

- **Early Bird Discount:** Save \$40 if you register and fully pay for your campers by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sibling Discount:** Sending siblings to camp? After signing up your first camper, each additional camper attending from your household receives a \$35 discount per session.
- **Multi-Session Discount:** Coming to camp for more than one week? A \$35 discount will be applied to all sessions after the first one. Discount does not apply twice to two-week sessions.
- **Camp Staff Discount:** Working at camp this summer? Your camper's base fee is covered! Camper must be immediate family member. Talk to your camp director for more information.

## Financial Assistance

We believe that camp is for every camper regardless of their financial situation. Any registered GSHNJ Girl Scout may apply for financial assistance. Campers must be registered GSHNJ members by December 30, 2023. If your camper is a member of another Girl Scout council, contact your local council for financial assistance options.

- Financial assistance may cover up to one week of the base camp fee per camp; each family's eligibility and the availability of funds determine the amount granted.
- Online camp registration must be completed with a \$100 per session, non-refundable, non-transferrable, camp registration fee prior to submitting the CFA form.
- Deadline for submitting the CFA form is May 15, 2024. No applications will be accepted after this date. Final decisions for CFA will be made by June 1, 2024; you will be notified by email.

# Are you ready for overnight adventures at sleepaway camp?

Take this quiz to find out. Circle your answers below!

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| 1. Do you enjoy staying overnight at a friend's house?  | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 2. Can you shampoo and brush your own hair?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 3. Do you enjoy outdoor activities like hikes, playing games, and sleeping in a tent?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 4. Can you survive without a radio, TV, video games, a computer and phone?  | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 5. Can you see bugs or mice without running around screaming?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 6. Can you make your own bed and keep track of your belongings?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 7. Do you like to meet new people and interact with other campers, not just your best friends?                                    | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 8. Do you enjoy sleeping outside and listening to the sounds of nature?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 9. Do you like to help plan activities?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 10. Could you walk to a nearby building to brush your teeth and use the bathroom?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 11. Are you ready to sleep in a tent or cabin with 2-6 other campers knowing your counselors are in another nearby tent or cabin? | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 12. Are you willing to help with Kapers (camp chores) such as sweeping tents, setting tables, and picking up trash?               | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 13. Do you like to have lots of fun?  | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 14. Can you live by the Girl Scout Law?   | Yes | No | Maybe |
| 15. Are you <i>really</i> excited about going to camp?  | Yes | No | Maybe |

Total you answered "Yes" \_\_\_ x3 + Total you answered "Maybe" \_\_\_ x2 + Total you answered "No" \_\_\_ x1

Grand total = \_\_\_

**15-25 points:** You will love one of our Day Camps: Camp DeWitt in Hillsborough, NJ or The OVAL in Maplewood, NJ. Consider trying an overnight family or troop event to get ready for Sleepaway Camp at Camp Hoover.

**26-35 points:** You might not be ready for a full week of Sleepaway Camp yet, but we think one of our 2 or 3 day programs at Camp Hoover (A Little Camp Fun or Mini Camp—pg. 18) will be a perfect fit for you! Be sure to attend a Camp Hoover tour, open house, or camper & family virtual meeting!

**36-45 points:** You must be an experienced camper, but if you're not, you're more than ready for Camp Hoover! We have six, one week sessions, and even some two week sessions—so check them out and we'll see you there. Happy camping!



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